

Announcements

Attendance:

Weekend Services: 674

Saturday: 208 Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 235, 10:30 a.m. 231

New Year's Eve: 197

The Altar Bouquet is placed to God's Glory by David and Pat Schwartz in loving memory of Pat's mother, Betty Ann Zebell.

Sunday Bible Classes: On Sunday at 9:25 a.m., join Pastor Raasch in the Fellowship Hall for a Bible class entitled "My Vocation in Christ." At 9:25 a.m. in the Church Sanctuary, join Pastor Wordell as he leads the "Cross Explorations for Adults" class. Next Sunday, Pastor Raasch will begin a new Bible Class called "The Book of Ephesians." We hope you will join us for these great opportunities to delve deeper into the Word.

2019 Bible Reading Resolution: In his New Year's Eve sermon, Pastor Schreiner proposed a 2019 resolution for our congregation—to spend more time being reminded of God's unfailing love, by being more active in daily reading our Bibles. To do that, we've put together a specific group Bible reading plan that will allow you to read the whole Bible in one year. In the group, you'll be able to track your progress, find a daily section of Scripture to read, and ask questions/have group discussions about the reading for that day. To be part of the group, you'll need to click on this link: tinyurl.com/yc3ykjdt, create a free account, and accept the invitation to join the group. If you're planning to use the YouVersion Bible app, download the "Bible" app from any app store. Then, put the above web address into your phone's internet browser, and accept the invitation there. We started our reading schedule on Wednesday, January 2nd, but if you didn't get the chance to start right away, it's not too late to jump in and get caught up! We look forward to growing in our faith and understanding of our Savior's love with you this year!

Preparing the Church Directory: If any of your contact information has changed within the last year, please completely fill out the Friendship Register with the updated information. We will use this to update our records for the 2019 Church Directory.

Life Groups are lay-led small groups which meet at various times throughout the week, at church or in people's homes, to apply the weekly sermon to the lives of participants, with the goal of growing closer to God and one another. If you would like to join or start a Life Group, contact Pastor Raasch (pastor.raasch@mountoliveappleton.com).

A New Study for Women: How does a Christian define “success” in life? How does a woman maintain her balance in various vocational arenas—family, professional, community and congregational? On Saturday, January 12th at 8:30 a.m. at the Copper Rock on Edgewood Drive, Kathy Kolell will lead a discussion of the book *The Calling: Live a Life of Significance*. This group will continue to meet on one Saturday each month. To reserve your seat at the table, please contact Kathy at 284-8575 or kkolell@fvlhs.org.

SISTERS: Starting the third week of January, SISTERS will be offering three different times for you to gather with your fellow sisters to look at *A Study of the Book of James: Real Faith Produces Good Works*.

- Beth Flatau on Tuesday, 1/15/19, at 7 p.m. at her home
- Leah Needham on Wednesday, 1/16/19, at 1:45 p.m. at the church
- Kerri Kleist on Wednesday, 1/16/19, at 6:30 p.m. at her home

Please contact the person whose study you would like to attend or Kerri if you have any questions (kerrickleist@gmail.com or 920-740-5901).

An Amazing Mission Opportunity: WELS has been given the opportunity to take the gospel to the Hmong people living in the country of Vietnam. WELS has been invited by the Vietnamese government to establish a theological training facility in Hanoi. To help with this opportunity, WELS has launched a special synod-wide offering to support Hmong outreach in Vietnam. The goal of the “Grace—Hmong outreach in Vietnam” offering is to receive gifts totaling \$2 million by June 30, 2019, to fund the land purchase, building construction, and the first two years of operational costs for the theological training facility in Hanoi. A mission envelope was placed in your January *Messenger*. To learn more about this mission opportunity, visit wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach.

Apple Valley Food Pantry: The January collection date for the WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry is Sunday, January 13th. Items needed for the month of January include cereal, canned meats, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, canned fruit, boxed & canned potatoes, jam, crackers, pancake mix, syrup, laundry detergent, and dish soap.

Open Basketball Begins: Sunday evening open basketball will be back up and running in the new year. The first open gym will take place on Sunday, January 13th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Open basketball is intended for high schoolers and up. Please bring a pair of gym shoes (not ones that have been worn outside) for use on the new court.

Dartball: Please join us on January 13th as Mount Olive II hosts Eternal Love (7 p.m.) and Mount Olive I will be at St. John (7:15 p.m.). We welcome new players!

2019 Offering Envelopes: Your 2019 offering envelopes are available in the Atrium. Envelopes for our public school students are also in the Atrium.

10th Annual Men of His Word National Conference: The Men of His Word team is excited to announce the 2019 Conference - BUILT ON THE ROCK. Our conference will be a day spent worshipping God and bonding with our Christian brothers. We'll have 20 heart-hitting, soul-searching sessions based on God's Word. Jeremy Mattek, Christian Life Pastor from Immanuel Lutheran in Greenville, will be the keynote speaker. Koine' will lead us in song worship. A continental breakfast and buffet lunch is included. The conference is on **Saturday, February 9th** from 7:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Registration is OPEN and space is limited to the first 650 registrants. Early-Bird Registration (by Sunday, January 27th) is \$50 (\$25 for youth). Last year we had a sell-out conference, so register soon at www.menofhisword.org/oshkosh.html.

WELS Women's Ministry Conference: The theme of this year's conference is LIVING STONES, POSITIONED TO THRIVE. Based on 1 Peter 2:4-5, the conference will highlight God's design and purpose for the Christian woman in our society today. From openly speaking about Jesus at work or on the college campus, to reaching out in love to another generation, to working with others in God's kingdom, each woman is uniquely and purposefully in that place by God's design. Even when it's difficult. Even when it's lonely. Even when it doesn't make sense. With God's Word, this conference will nurture, encourage and equip you to see how God intends for you to thrive in the unique situation He has placed you in. The conference will take place at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI. We look forward to seeing you July 18-20, 2019! For more information go to wels.net/wmconference.





Mount Olive



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- * Greg Schmidt - Secretary (2019)
- * Jay Vanderhoof - Treasurer (2019)

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* *Denotes persons being installed during the Sunday services on January 6, 2018.*

- The officers and the chairman from each board comprise the church council.
- Terms conclude at the end of year listed in parentheses.
- All Board terms are 2-year renewable terms.
- The Vice President term is 2 years. He then serves a 2-year term as President.
- The Assistant Treasurer (Fred Strey) & Controller (Pam Jaenke) are appointed to 2-year terms.

Mount Olive's Spiritual Growth Opportunities

The Book of Ephesians

When was the last time you really sunk your teeth into a book of the Bible (figuratively speaking, of course)? This study will allow you to do just that. Paul's letter to the Christians in Ephesus features a beautiful description of God's plan for his church, while offering practical advice for parents, spouses, and employees. Come and hear how God still speaks to his people today.

Leader: Pastor Raasch

Date: Sundays, beginning January 13th

Time: 9:25-10:15 a.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall

Cross Explorations for Adults

How do Old Testament Bible stories apply to our lives today? Where can parents go to dig a little deeper into Bible stories their children are learning each week? How can parents strengthen the connection between Christ and the next generation? The answer to all of these questions is found in "Cross Explorations for Adults." Join Pastor Wordell, as he leads an adult level discussion of the same Bible stories your children are learning. (Non-parents are also welcome!)

Leader: Pastor Nathan Wordell

Date: Sundays, beginning January 6th

Time: 9:25-10:15 a.m.

Place: Church Sanctuary

The Foundation of Our Faith

Do you ever feel like it's time to get back to the basics of the Bible? Do you feel unequipped to answer even the fundamental questions people ask about your faith? Are you interested in learning more about what the Bible teaches, and what our church believes? Interested in becoming a member of Mount Olive? If any of these questions describe you, then our Foundations Bible Study is for you! This relaxed, conversational study will meet for 7 weeks on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings with the same session being taught on both of those days to give people the flexibility to attend whichever session best fits their schedule.

Leader: Pastor Schreiner

Place: 8th grade room

Date/time: Thursdays, January 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m. or Sundays, beginning January 27

The Book of Revelation

Imagine reading the Revelation and understanding what you read, and being able to explain it to others! Equipped with what God reveals in this book, you will understand what is happening in our world and be equipped to live each day with hope and confidence! Beginning on January 9, Pastor David Scherbarth will step in to lead a study of the Book of Revelation for our Wednesday morning Bible Class. Join us for some delicious food for your soul and body!

Leader: Pastor Scherbarth

Date: Wednesdays, beginning January 9th

Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall

Breakfast Bible Study

This early bird special offers a bite of the Bread of Life along with your cup of coffee or stack of pancakes. Join us at Mary's Restaurant as we discuss how God's timeless truth still impacts our everyday lives.

Leader: Pastor Robert Raasch

Date: Tuesdays, year-round

Time: 6:30-7:30 a.m.

Place: Mary's on North Richmond



FVL NEWS

FVL MUSICFEST 2019 will be held on Sunday, 1/27 with performances beginning at noon. Doors will open at 11:30 AM and the event will run until 4 PM. Musicfest is currently seeking items or basket donations for the Silent Auction. Find out more at fvlhs.org/fvl-musicfest or call Megan Beyer at 920-560-5122. Please bring all donations to the FVL School Office prior to 1/7.

VEX EXPERIENCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: FVL hosts its fourth annual FVL VEX Experience on Saturday, 1/19. This event is the largest VEX competition in the state! Volunteers will receive a shirt and refreshments. Sign up at fvlhs.org/vex. Questions? Contact Nathan Nolte at nnolte@fvlhs.org.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the 2019 FVL Junior Foxes baseball team for boys ages 13-18 (7th-12th grade). The season begins in late April and goes to the third week of July. Registration is open until 3/8/19. Register through the FVL Schools Youth Sports page or contact Dennis Plaster at dplaster88@gmail.com or 920-851-7048.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE INVITED to a college planning overview session. This free event will be hosted at FVLHS on Wed., 1/16 at 10 AM and 6:30 PM. Learn how academics, admissions, and financial strategies can work together to save you money. RSVP to Edana Beck at 920-423-3896 or edana.beck@thrivent.com. The session leader will be Thrivent Financial representative Troy Beck.

FVL SEMESTER BREAK is Monday, 1/15 - No School! School & SCRIP Offices open 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

